



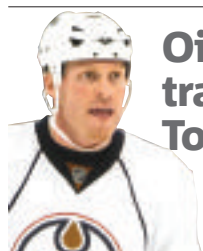
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Learning to love thongs

Escort's body found in backyard

Police charge 24-year-old man with first-degree murder in death of 20-year-old

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Ivanka Arar still can't believe her close friend Chantel Robertson's lifeless body was pulled from a hole dug in a southside backyard Monday night.



"It makes me sad to wonder what was going through her mind when it was happening to her," Arar said. "Chantel never deserved what she got. She had her own lifestyle, but it didn't make her a bad person."

Robertson worked as an escort,

"It didn't really sit well knowing how they left her. I don't think anyone deserves to be buried in the ground in an indecent way."

Ivanka Arar, victim's friend

and was last seen at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, when she was dropped off at a client's home on 100 Avenue near 99 Street. When she didn't show up for a waiting driver from her escort agency, family and friends combed the neighbourhood looking for signs of the missing 20-year-old.

"The call came, her phone was shut off, and it sent out red flags. They banged on the door of the house, and the guy said she left already," said prostitution advocate

Cat Strachan.

After two days, police found Robertson's body buried in the backyard. Matthew Todd Barrett, 24, has been charged with first-degree murder and offering indignity to a body.

"It didn't really sit well knowing how they left her. I don't think anyone deserves to be buried in the ground in an indecent way. They found her beside the garage, and she was there for two to three days," Arar said.

Arar remembers her friend as bright, caring. Though Robertson was elusive with friends about her job, Arar said she's certain she wasn't a drug user.

"They say 99.9 per cent of escorts use drugs, but she was in that 0.1 percentile."

Dennis Thompson lives across the alley from the yard where Robertson's body was discovered. He said he often saw Barrett in the alley working on cars.

"They used to have girls around the house, but I never saw escorts or anything out of the ordinary until now," he said.

Strachan said Barrett called another escort to the house the week-end before.

Database?

The province's leading resource for solving the murders of missing prostitutes could be expanding its operation.

Project KARE Superintendent Mike Sekela said last week that he hopes to one day collect data from people that suffer from mental disabilities, and make it a national missing persons registry.

"It would be nice to create a Canada-wide database," said RCMP spokesman Craig Albers. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Order of Canada for Morgentaler

Alive with Canadian pride **Silly Summer Parade**



Dressed in an elaborate traditional Caribbean costume, Hayley, of the Trinidad and Tobago Association, struts down Whyte Avenue during the Canada Day Silly Summer Parade. Thousands watched in bright summer sunshine as fun-loving folks paraded down Edmonton's liveliest street. **Story, p.2.**

Local



Canadian team takes on Honduras

Canada will be vying for FIFA nirvana in Edmonton on October 15, when the Canadian team will play Honduras at Commonwealth Stadium in Stage Three of the 2010 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. Tickets will be available for the Edmonton match on Ticketmaster.

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English Canada

Fort Edmonton Horse play



Mia King, 3, and her sister Olivia (behind), 2, take part in some of the old-fashioned games at Fort Edmonton yesterday. The Fort, a popular city attraction, was staging a Dominion Day celebration. Dominion Day is the old name for Canada Day. The name was changed in 1982.

Six convicts hurt in prison riot

Six convicts were rushed to the emergency room after violence erupted at Edmonton's maximum-security prison yesterday.

Police and paramedics arrived at "The Max" about 3 p.m.

Five of the victims were stabbed, while one victim was both stabbed and shot.

No guards were injured in the incident.

It's not yet known just what happened, but the investigation is continuing.

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Metis group places ads to lobby for Mountie's remains

The seemingly endless battle over the remains of a slain Alberta Mountie continued this weekend after ads were placed in several western Canadian newspapers.

A Metis group placed ads in newspapers in Calgary and Regina an effort to convince the widow of the Mountie to not move the body to an RCMP cemetery.

In the ad the group, the Metis National Council, says Const. Leo Johnston is

a role model for children in Lac La Biche, where he is buried now, and that the Metis nation takes comfort knowing his spirit is at rest near the homeland of his people.

Johnston was one of four RCMP officers killed by James Roszcko in May-erthorpe, in March 2005.

He was buried in his hometown of Lac La Biche, 225 km northeast of Edmonton, but his widow, Kelly Johnston, wants to

see him moved to the RCMP cemetery in Saskatchewan.

Recently the Alberta Court of Appeal upheld a ruling supporting the widow's plan to choose where Johnston's body may lay.

Kelly Johnston said that the RCMP graveyard in Regina would be the best way to honour him, though the parents would prefer his body stay in its original grave.

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High-risk sex offender on loose, police warn

Edmonton Police are warning the public that a repeat sex offender is on the loose after being a no-show for a meeting with detectives.

Allan Dale Plamondon, 49, is a high-risk offender who has preyed on female children and police are saying that due to his past actions he poses a significant risk to the general public.

Police released a warrant for his arrest and after careful deliberation about

privacy concerns decided that the concern for public safety outweighed any issue.

Plamondon is described as a five-foot-eight Caucasian male and suffers rheumatoid arthritis in both hands.

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That's right, they're back, and they're hangin' tough. Watch out Jonas brothers, The New Kids On The Block are back and hit the Rexall stage November 18. Ticket from \$90 at Ticketmaster. **METRO EDMONTON**

Young, old, new citizens celebrate Canada Day

ANDREW COWIE
for Metro Edmonton



Coming from a land of searing heat and foot-long insects to a place where winter never seems to end and hockey season is longer was a hard choice for Roberto Pil, but he puts his family first and foremost.

And yesterday he was on hand to officially receive his Canadian citizenship at the grounds of the Alberta Legislature during a sunny Canada Day ceremony.

Pil, formerly of the Philippines, moved to Canada in 2001 after hearing it was an excellent place to live from United Nation reports.

"It was hard but we had to make a choice," he said. "We knew it was a risk, but it's the land of opportunity."

After deciding it would be a good place for his children, the family moved to first Halifax then Ontario before coming to Edmonton, but it wasn't easy leaving home.

Pil said that the chance to come to Canada is on the minds of many people in the Philippines, but it's not always possible for everyone to make the jump.

"Almost every Pilipino like me wants to come but not everyone has the opportunity," he said. "It's a great privilege [to be here]."

But coming from a country that's known for its intimidating heat and humid atmosphere to a land



"I would say, an honest opinion...I like Canada, except for the winters."

new citizen Roberto Pil

of snow and six month winters isn't always the greatest selling point.

"I would say, an honest opinion...I like Canada, except for the winters," he joked.

People from as far as Iran and as close as the United States of America were inducted as Canadian citizens.

ABOVE: From left, Lil Schroeder, Rose Young, Anne Black, Faye Sather, and Arnold Nett take a break yesterday at the first-annual Borden Park, Canada Day celebrations.

They are all part of the Dynamo Gymnastics group that was performing at the park off 112 Avenue near Northlands. The festivities were a huge success with hundreds of people attending over the course of the day. RIGHT: Morgan Kubasek and Kaleb Apedaile, right, get lost at sea while representing the 6th Edmonton Beavers during the Canada Day Silly Summer Parade down Whyte Avenue.



Edmonton waterfall gets nod in Clancy book

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NOVEL LOOK. Edmonton artist and waterfall creator Peter Lewis, couldn't believe his eyes when he flipped through a new Tom Clancy novel and found his name smack in the middle of the page.

"I reluctantly paid \$15 for it, that's a lot for a paperback," Lewis said. "I was shocked to see my name."

The new novel, *End-War*, by the prolific author and collaborator, was written based on a war-torn video game, in which Saudi Arabia and Iran have destroyed each other, leaving Russia to try to reclaim global domination.

The finale of the book is set in Alberta. The final battle is set under the High Level Bridge, which is described in great detail, along with Lewis' masterpiece: the Great Divide Waterfall.

"It's wonderful," he said. "Good art speaks for itself like that."

And with good timing, the book's release coincides with the summer return of the Edmonton landmark waterfall, now replicated (four times) in New York City. It cascaded to life last night as a traditional piece of Edmonton culture on Canada Day.

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Happy people
Canada, with its democracy, social equality and peaceful atmosphere, is among the top ten happiest countries in the world, researchers said on yesterday. REUTERS

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"The last time Canadians were sold on a revenue-neutral tax, it was called the GST."

Maureen Bader, director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation speaking about B.C.'s carbon tax.



Bees escape

A truck containing about 12 million bees overturned on a major highway near the town of St Leonard, New Brunswick, in Eastern Canada yesterday.

REUTERS

Vancouver Sea lion dies



Tag, the Vancouver Aquarium's 15-year-old Stellar sea lion, died yesterday following surgery to treat his oral cancer. The sea lion had suffered from oral and dental problems for 10 years before being diagnosed with cancer in the winter. He went through chemotherapy and laser surgery in the spring.

Morgentaler gets Order of Canada

Roman Catholic Archbishop blasts move

The decision to award abortion-rights crusader Dr. Henry Morgentaler the Order of Canada yesterday on Canada Day set off a flurry of reactions ranging from disgust to congratulations.

"Canada's highest honour has been debased. Henry Morgentaler has been awarded the Order of Canada. We are all diminished," Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto said in a statement issued after the award announced by Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

"Canada's highest honour has been debased."

Rev. Thomas Collins

Morgentaler, among 75 people who will receive the prestigious national honour at a later date, was lauded on the governor general's website for "for his commitment to increased health care options for women, his determined efforts to influence Canadian public policy and his leadership in humanist

and civil liberties organizations."

Judy Rebick, the former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, described the award to Morgentaler as long overdue and the reaction from the pro-life supporters anti-abortionists as predictable. "Dr. Morgentaler has contributed a tremendous amount to Canadian society and the only reason he hasn't got an Order of Canada until now is because all of the noise that the anti-choice cause."

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courts



B.C. man facing 10 years for abuse

BANGKOK, THAILAND. The Maple Ridge teacher who admitted to sexually abusing a teenage boy in Thailand will be sentenced on Aug. 15.

A Bangkok court announced on Monday that Christopher Paul Neil, 33, may be facing up to 10 years in prison for sexually abusing a 15-year-old Thai boy, photographing the offence and putting them online, CBC News Online reports. Neil pleaded guilty in May to the abuse and to shooting the photographs.

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Singer auctions off future earnings

Ashley MacIsaac is auctioning off half his future earnings on eBay, and got a \$1.5 million bid yesterday. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Nova Scotia **Cannabis Day - Eh!**

Two Nova Scotia marijuana enthusiasts show their support for Cannabis Day yesterday at the Dartmouth Commons. The crowds took part in the annual event of renowned pothead activities, namely sitting, drumming, and of course playing hackey sack.

Conrad Black settles lawsuit

NEW YORK. Former media baron Conrad Black settled a lawsuit brought against him by Sotheby's International Realty Inc claiming that he failed to pay the commission on the \$10.5 million sale of his New York apartment.

The terms of the settlement were not disclosed. Sotheby's alleged in a

2006 lawsuit that Black's attorneys issued a check for the \$557,000 commission on the Park Avenue apartment but stopped payment on it.

Black said in a statement yesterday that the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago improperly seized the proceeds from the sale, including funds for Sothe-

by's commission.

Black accused prosecutors of coordinating with the buyers to attend the October 2005 closing so they could issue seizure warrants to force him to forfeit \$9 million in sale proceeds. The seizure occurred before Black was criminally charged with fraud.

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World

"You cannot consider someone a criminal for drinking two beers."

Norton Luiz Lenhart, president of Brazil's restaurant federation, about tough new drinking and driving laws. REUTERS



anti-Muslim film

Dutch politician Geert Wilders is planning a sequel to his anti-Muslim film Fitna, the local daily De Telegraaf reports. The move comes after the Dutch Ministry of Justice decided not to prosecute him for inciting hatred with his film. REUTERS

Pressure on Mugabe

African leaders call for unified government in Zimbabwe

The African Union has made a rare intervention into internal politics, calling for negotiations in Zimbabwe.

President Robert Mugabe returns to Zimbabwe today under pressure from fellow African leaders to form a national unity government in the wake of his re-election in a violent poll ruled unfair by monitors.

An African Union summit in Egypt, attended by

EU position

The European Union will only accept a Zimbabwean government headed by opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, whose country has taken over the EU presidency, said yesterday.

Mugabe, approved a resolution calling for him to negotiate with opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, who withdrew from the run-off election because of violence against his supporters.

The resolution fell short

of the tougher statement wanted by some African countries, but it was an unprecedented rebuff to Mugabe, previously feted as a liberation hero.

In the strongest public statement from one of Zimbabwe's neighbours

since he was sworn in on Sunday, Botswana called for Mugabe to be barred from the AU and the southern African regional body SADC.

"In our considered view ... the representatives of the current government in Zimbabwe should be excluded from attending SADC (Southern African Development Community) and African Union meetings," Botswana Vice-President Mompoti Merafhe said. REUTERS

newspapers

Court action over 'reformist' story

IRAN. A court has summoned the managing director of one of Iran's few remaining reformist newspapers for "spreading lies" against hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the student news agency ISNA reported yesterday.

The agency did not say when Mohammad Javad Haghshenas will appear in court to answer questions about an article which was published yesterday, questioning Ahmadinejad's belief in the second coming of Shiite Muslims' "hidden" 12th Imam.

The article was written by moderate cleric Rasoul Montajebnia. REUTERS

Africans intercepted Praying for a better future?



A would-be immigrant prays after arriving yesterday at the Puerto Rico beach on Spain's Canary island of Gran Canaria. Some 133 would-be immigrants were intercepted aboard two fishing boat on their way to European soil from Africa, Spanish police said.

Researchers test 'mystical' mushrooms

SCIENCE. The "spiritual" effects of psilocybin from so-called sacred mushrooms last for more than a year and may offer a way to help patients with fatal diseases or addictions, U.S. researchers reported yesterday.

The researchers also said their findings show there are safe ways to test psychoactive drugs on willing volunteers, if guidelines are followed.

In 2006, Roland Griffiths of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, and colleagues gave psilocybin to 36 volunteers and asked them how it felt. Most reported having a "mystical" or "spiritual" experience and rated it positively. REUTERS

Monsoon



Taxis lie stranded on a flooded street during monsoon rains in Mumbai yesterday. A heavy downpour flooded streets and disrupted transport yesterday, with city officials advising citizens to stay indoors.

Assisted suicide video sparks outrage in Germany

CONTROVERSY. The release of a video showing a former local politician helping a 79-year-old woman commit suicide has caused outrage in Germany and prompted some states to try to tighten their rules on assisted suicide.

Former Hamburg senator Roger Kusch, a prominent right to die campaigner, has said he advised the healthy pensioner on how to prepare a lethal cocktail of sedatives and malaria drugs which would kill her and left her flat shortly before she died.

Kusch filmed nine hours of conversations with Bettina Schardt, who said she dreaded being taken to a home for the elderly. However, she did not have a terminal illness and said: "I can't say that I am suffering."

The subject of euthanasia is particularly sensitive in Germany due to the Nazis who some historians estimate killed more than 100,000 mentally handicapped or incurably ill people between 1940 and 1945. REUTERS

60 kids ill after drinking tainted water

More than 60 children fell ill after drinking water that may have been deliberately poisoned at a primary school in southern China, state media reported yesterday.

Thirty-four were still in hospital, suffering from headaches and nausea, and the rest were under observation at their rural school in

Guangxi province after drinking the water in their school canteen, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The water in the school's storage tank smelled of pesticide and police found an empty bottle that they suspected of containing the poison, Xinhua

said.

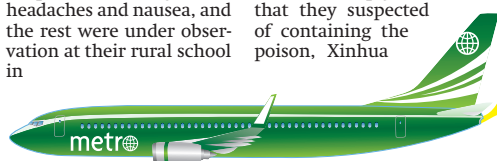
While the investigation is continuing, local education officials have already accused the school of mismanagement, it added.

Scandals involving substandard food or medicines are reported regularly by Chinese media and schools have been involved before. REUTERS

News in brief

RUSSIA. The man suspected of killing Russian reporter Anna Politkovskaya in 2006 is hiding in Western Europe, Russia's chief criminal investigator was quoted as saying yesterday. Politkovskaya, 48, a critic of the

Kremlin who faced intimidation for her reporting on human rights abuses in Russia's turbulent North Caucasus region was shot on Oct. 7. REUTERS



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French army chief quits

PARIS. France's army chief of staff resigned yesterday after a soldier fired live ammunition instead of blanks at a weekend military show and injured 17 people, the presidential office said.

President Nicolas Sarkozy had pledged to react rapidly and severely following the incident during a military show by the Third Marine Parachute regiment, open to the public in the southern French town of Carcas-

low morale

The French media has reported on low morale in some quarters of the military fuelled by government plans to slash military staff numbers, mostly to the detriment of support functions, and to close some military bases.

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The resignation of Gen. Bruno Cuche comes as France looks to revamp its armed forces by slashing

staff numbers and trying to ensure soldiers in the field are better equipped.

The incident highlighted serious breaches in the use of arms and security during demonstrations at public military events, Defence Minister Herve Morin said in a separate statement.

As a precaution, the defence ministry was suspending the use of blanks during open or public demonstrations, he said.

REUTERS

News in brief

NEW YORK. New York City's ban on trans-fats in restaurants, the first of its kind among major U.S. cities, took full effect yesterday. The move follows the city's 2003 ban on public smoking. A year ago, New York restaurants were banned from using the artery-clogging fats in cooking oils and spreads.

LONDON. Chewing tobacco and snuff are less dangerous than cigarettes but the smokeless products still raise the risk of oral cancer by 80 per cent, WHO's cancer agency said yesterday.

REUTERS

Suspected mass grave found in Chechnya

GROZNY. A human rights watchdog in Chechnya region yesterday demanded an investigation into a suspected mass grave where it said Russian soldiers buried 300 civilians they had killed in an attack.

Chechnya's human rights ombudsman Nurdy Nukhazhiyev said a group of residents had told him last week about the suspected mass grave, at an asphalt plant about 25

kilometres from the Chechen capital, Grozny.

The ombudsman said it contained the bodies of men, women and children who were killed on Oct. 30, 1999, when their column of vehicles came under fire from Russian troops.

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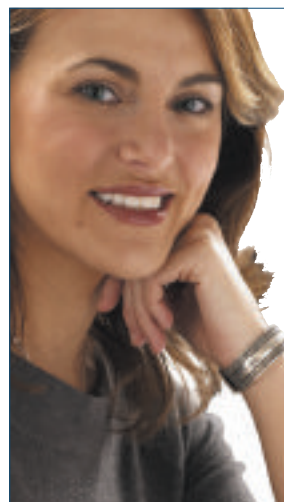
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News in brief

NEW YORK. Oil prices rose yesterday on forecasts global supplies will struggle to keep pace with demand and concerns

tensions between Israel and Iran could lead to a disruption of exports from the OPEC nation. **REUTERS**

Remove oil development curbs: Exxon CEO

MADRID. Oil producers need to remove barriers to investment to ensure oil markets are well supplied,

but are unlikely to do so as long as prices remain high, Exxon Mobil's CEO Rex Tillerson said yesterday.

Oil companies say a dearth of new supplies, not speculators, was driving high oil prices. **REUTERS**

Clash over CAW boss?

SHOWDOWN The Canadian Auto Workers union is heading for a showdown over who will replace president Buzz Hargrove.

Hargrove has called early meetings of the CAW's national executive board, top administrators and senior staff for next Tuesday to debate and endorse who will lead the union after he retires. Sources say Hargrove will ask the board and the other groups to endorse Ken Lewenza, president of CAW Local 444 in Windsor, as the next head of the union.

However Hemi Mitic, a veteran assistant of Hargrove, confirmed yesterday he will make a bid for support from the same groups at two separate meetings.

Insiders say an endorsement from the board and staff would be a huge boost toward winning at a national convention of more than 800 delegates. Mitic said even if he doesn't get the key endorsements, he will run for the \$150,700-a-year job of leading about 250,000 workers.

Hargrove, who has led CAW for 16 years, turns 65 in March, the union's mandatory retirement age.

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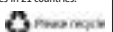
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Cycling Danish rider Michael Rasmussen has been banned for two years by the Monaco Cycling Federation after he was expelled from last year's Tour de France, the International Cycling Union said yesterday. **REUTERS**

NBA In the wake of the National Basketball Association's Tim Donaghy gambling scandal, the league yesterday named retired U.S. Army Major General Ronald Johnson to a newly created position to oversee referees. **REUTERS**

Sports

"I was like, 'Oops, I did it again; I'm out of the semifinals.'"

Elena Dementieva after she survived a mid-match wobble to beat Nadia Petrova and reach Wimbledon's final four.



Baron Clipped

The Los Angeles Clippers have reportedly reached a verbal agreement with point guard Baron Davis on a deal in the range of five years and \$65 million U.S.

Oil make pair of trades

Cole, Brule brought in; Pitkanen, Torres shipped out

While most teams were busy trying to lock up free agents yesterday, the Oilers took a different approach to improving the team.

The Edmonton Oilers made a couple of trades yesterday — the first day of free-agent season.

Coming to Edmonton from the Carolina Hurricanes is Erik Cole, and from the Columbus Blue Jackets is Edmonton native Gilbert Brule.

Cole was acquired for defenceman Joni Pitkanen, while for Brule, Edmonton gave up winger Raffi Torres.

Cole departs Carolina after a 22-goal, 51-point campaign in 73 games in 2007-08. In a six-year pro tenure, all with the Hurricanes, the 29-year-old has racked up 129 goals and 280 points in 418 contests.

Cole registered a career-best 30 goals in an injury-shortened season two years ago, and recovered in time to help the 'Canes capture the Stanley Cup.

Brule, an Edmonton native, appeared in 61 games with the Blue Jackets last season, picking up a goal and eight assists.

The 21-year-old was the sixth

major moves

- The Chicago Blackhawks captured headlines on the first day of free agency, signing top defenceman Brian Campbell to an eight-year contract and also signing netminder Cristobal Huet.
- Curtis Joseph returned to Toronto, signing a one-year deal to play as a backup for the Maple Leafs next season. Toronto also added defenceman Jeff Finger and winger Niklas Hagman.
- The Washington Capitals signed goaltender Jose Theodore to a two-year contract.
- The Anaheim Ducks locked up Corey Perry with a five-year contract.
- The Tampa Bay Lightning signed goalie Olaf Kolzig to a one-year deal.
- The New York Rangers signed Wade Redden to a six-year contract.
- Mike Commodore signed for five years with the Columbus Blue Jackets.
- The Ottawa Senators signed journeyman netminder Alex Auld to a two-year contract.

overall pick of the 2005 draft and appeared 146 games over parts of three seasons with Columbus, recording 12 goals.

These two moves come on the heels of another trade made by the team on Sunday. The previous deal saw the Oilers acquire defenceman Lubomir Visnovsky from the Los Angeles Kings in exchange for defenceman Matt Greene and forward Jarret Stoll.

The 31-year-old Vis-

novsky, drafted in the fourth round by the Kings in 2000, had eight goals and 33 assists while playing in all 82 games last season. He's played in 499 games over seven seasons, all with the Kings and has 70 goals and 209 assists.

Visnovsky is the only defenceman to ever lead the Kings in scoring for a season after recording a career-

high 67 points with the Kings in 2005-06.

Pitkanen scored eight goals and had 26 points in 63 games for the Oilers a year ago after coming over in a deal from the Philadelphia Flyers last July 1.

Torres, selected by the New York Islanders with the fifth overall pick in the 2000 draft, played in just 32 games with Edmonton last season, posting five goals and 11 points. He missed 49 games because of a knee injury.

While they focused on trades yesterday, the Oilers aren't completely ignoring the free agent market. TSN.ca is reporting that Edmonton is in hot pursuit of talented winger Marian Hossa.

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Erik Cole is just one of the players brought in through trades by the Edmonton Oilers yesterday, the first day of NHL free agency.

MLB players down on derby

MLB The All-Star Game is in New York, but Yankees star Alex Rodriguez won't be taking part in the home run derby. Find out why in the York Report at www.metronews.ca.

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Tampa Bay	3	Boston	1	Pittsburgh	at Cincinnati	5:10	
Minnesota	6	Detroit	4	L.A. Dodgers	at Houston	6:05	
Chicago W. Sox	3	Cleveland	2	N.Y. Mets	at St. Louis	6:15	
L.A. Angels	5	Oakland	3	San Diego	at Colorado	7:05	
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Beijing 2008

Lawmakers urge Bush to boycott

POLITICS Two U.S. Congressmen yesterday urged President George W. Bush to rethink attending the Beijing Olympic Games after they were prevented from meeting Chinese human rights activists.

Congressmen Frank Wolf and Chris Smith said they had come to Beijing to meet Chinese citizens pressing for greater political and religious freedoms, including two who recently met the U.S. president.

But Chinese authorities pressured or forced nearly all the activists from seeing them, the lawmakers and activists said. **REUTERS**

Judo champion to carry Greek flag

HONOURS Olympic judo champion Ilias Iliades will carry the Greek flag at the Beijing Games next month, following a decision by the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Iliades will be the first athlete to enter the Olympic Stadium on Aug. 8 as Greece is traditionally the first nation to parade.

The judo champion was first in the 81-kg category in the Athens Olympics four years ago but has since moved to the 90-kg category, where he finished second in last year's world championship. **REUTERS**

Ex-Kenya star makes U.S. team

ATHLETICS Kenyan-born Bernard Lagat won the men's 5,000 metres at the U.S. trials to make his first American Olympic team on Monday.

"This is a dream come true," the 33-year-old Lagat said. "Now, I'm part of the USA going to Beijing."

Lagat, who became a U.S. citizen in 2004, won the 1,500 and 5,000 world titles for his adopted country in 2007 but this was his first opportunity to earn a trip to the Games for America. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

CANADA'S FASTEST MAN. Pick up tomorrow's Metro to read all about Jared Cannington, the No. 1-ranked sprinter in the country.

36 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.



Hurdler Perdita Felicien hurt her foot while training in February. "There's a lot of speculation about whether she's able to do this," CBC's Scott Russell said.

Devastating injuries?

Some of Canada's brightest medal hopes may not make it to Games

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Injury and recovery are a part of every athlete's life. But when you're an athlete gunning for gold at the Olympics, the stakes are high when injury strikes.

With the Beijing Summer Games fast approaching, some of Canada's brightest medal hopes — hurdler Perdita Felicien, diver Alexandre Despatie and gymnast Kyle Shewfelt, for example — are recuperating from recent injuries.

It remains to be seen if they can recover in time, the athlete-watchers say.

"They certainly are the types of injuries [that] may affect the performance of those individual athletes," said Scott Russell, host of CBC Olympic Morning and Countdown To Beijing.

Because the Olympics only come around every four years, it's frustrating for athletes when even small injuries occur, said Russell.

"For many athletes, the window is very small," he said. "You're in your prime for a very finite period of time. To have an injury occur before the Olympics can be very devastating."



Gymnast Kyle Shewfelt fractured his tibiae nine months ago.

But injuries can also forge champions, he notes. For example, eight weeks before the 1992 games, rower Silken Laumann was injured when a motorboat collided with her boat. Everyone thought she'd miss the games, but Laumann rebounded to win a bronze medal.

"That was a heroic performance," said Russell. "That kind of thing can, and does, happen."

Competing in the Olympics is pressure enough without worrying about injury, former synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo said.

Waldo became the first Canadian female to win two gold medals at one Olympics games in 1988. And while Waldo, now a CTV Ottawa sportscaster, was never injured, the

prospect alone was her biggest fear, she said.

"I didn't do anything that would risk injury," she said.

Although she calls the injuries to current athletes "heart-wrenching," Waldo thinks Canada will do well this summer.

Shewfelt — whose 2004 Olympic gold medal for floor was the first medal ever won by a Canadian in an artistic gymnastics event — fractured both tibiae about nine months ago. But he recently won the vault competition and placed second in floor exercise at the Canadian Olympic Team trials.

"It looks like he'll be able to make a contribution," said Russell.

The world champ at the one- and three-metre springboard from 2005 to



CTV sportscaster and former Olympic synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo, pictured at her home in Kanata, Ont., recently, believes Canada will fare well at the Olympics in Beijing, despite injuries to several of its athletes in recent months.

2007, Despatie fractured his right foot in April, but Russell said he's "guessing he'll be able to show the fitness."

The injured athlete who remains questionable is Felicien, who hurt her foot while training in February.

"She hasn't said much about it, and there's a lot of speculation about whether Perdita is able to do this," Russell said. "She's the one that's creating a buzz in the Olympic community."

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Completely reworked for 2009, Subaru has steered the Forester from the 'tall wagon on stilts' formula of the first and second generations to a more generic 'Japanese Cute-Ute' styling instead.

The new Forester is longer, taller and wider than before, all in an effort to maximize interior space — one of its predecessor's drawbacks.

The wheelbase grows by 90 mm, all of it directed at enhancing rear seat comfort.

Other notable changes include adopting a modified version of the suspension underpinning Subaru's Impreza model, but with generous ground clearance still a key attribute.

Powerwise, the latest Forester still offers two versions of the 2.5-litre four-cylinder 'boxer' engine. The normal air-breathing version now features improved valve operation to help produce 170 horsepower, while the twin-turbocharged version brings 224 hp.

Both engines are mounted slightly lower in the chassis to aid handling and crash safety.

The powertrains are rounded out with either a five-speed manual (with electronic hill hold) or four-speed automatic transmissions, as well as Subaru's

standard 'symmetrical' all-wheel-drive system.

Despite its gains in size, the Forester remains a dedicated five-seater.

The cabin follows the Impreza's theme, with big sweeping lines on the dash evoking the Tribeca.

The gauges are crisp and clear, while the audio controls are mounted high to aid access and legibility.

The materials used are of a standard higher than found in the Impreza, but there's still room for improvement.

Neat touches abound, like the multi-functional centre console that can be configured in numerous ways to store drinks or purses.

Standard features included heated front seats, roof rails, splash guards, privacy glass and steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

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The \$25,795 'X' gets the previously mentioned standard items, along with 16-inch steel wheels, air conditioning, tilt/telescopic steering wheel and a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3/WMA audio system.

Moving up to the Touring level (\$27,995) adds alloy wheels, a power sliding moonroof, halogen fog lights, wiper de-icers, chrome door handles, rear-seat cushion table with integrated cup holders, reclining rear seats and a cargo tray.

The \$34,895 Limited tops things off with 17-inch alloy wheels, four-speed automatic, HID headlights, a stainless steel rear bumper step

pad, climate control, power adjustable driver's seat, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shifter, wood trim and an upgraded six-speaker sound system.

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Water, water everywhere

Denmark-born artist Olafur Eliasson's newly unveiled public art installation 'The New York City Waterfalls' is seen in front of the Statue of Liberty on June 26 in New York City. Four massive waterfalls using water pumped from the river have been installed along the East River through mid-October 2008. GETTY IMAGES

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Weird travel

For travellers seeking the outlandish, travel website IgoU-go.com has come up with a list of its top weird activities.

1 The Great Whipped Cream Battle – Olomouc, Czech Republic Fluff flies during this highlight of Olomouc's week-long city festival.

2 The Modern Toilet Restaurant – Taipei Find good food for less than \$10 at this Taipei eatery – provided you don't mind eating out of a (replica) toilet bowl.

3 Eeyore's Birthday – Austin, Tex. Adults and

children alike use Winnie the Pooh's fictional donkey friend as an excuse to party.

4 Sourtoe Cocktail – Dawson City Anyone with a strong stomach can gain entry into the Downtown Hotel's Sourtoe Cocktail Club by sipping a drink containing one of the hotel's preserved human toes. Rules say your lips must touch the toe.

5 Cabbages and Condoms Restaurant – Bangkok Contraceptives are for sale and everyone gets a condom with their coffee instead of a mint." REUTERS

Going down the toilet

At this Taipei café, dining isn't what it used to be

on the web

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ceilings. Guests sit on toilets (seats down boys) and eat over sink-style tables.

Actual dishes take the form of toilet bowls, while cups look like mini urinals. There are toilet chachkas around the room and spiral brown clumps of doggie doo-doo on the tables.

It's an unusual gimmick but given the first Modern Toilet restaurant opened four years ago and has expanded into a franchise of some 10 restaurants around the city, it's clearly a hit, drawing a clientele of mostly young people in high school and university.

Sitting atop my porcelain throne I had a look at the menu. Accord-

ing to a small poo symbol (located beside certain items on the menu) Japanese-style hot pots, hot chili chicken and the cheesy noodles are some of the most popular dishes.

A visit here begs the question: Why would anyone want to eat out of a mock toilet bowl? There's something truly revolting about combining human waste with food, yet Modern Toilet makes this concept fun, –subtly challenging the cultural taboos of poo.

Back at home, dinner discussions about bowel movements aren't exactly encouraged but here, toilet humour is all but inescapable.

Sitting at a table nearby were Helen and Rachel, two twentysomethings who just graduated from the University of Toronto. On their celebratory week-long trip to Taiwan, the

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toilet restaurant topped their list of local tourist attractions. After visiting Taipei 101, currently the world's tallest building (a record soon to be overturned by Shanghai and Dubai), Modern Toilet was the next hotspot on their list.

Between bites of stool-coloured curried chicken, they admitted that a trip here made great fodder for Facebook photographs.

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Roughly 150 people, among them Garry Shandling and Bill Maher, turned up at a private memorial for late comedian George Carlin in Los Angeles on Sunday, which was closed off to both the public and the media. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment



sophomore

Lily Allen has completed recording sessions for her second album, BBC News Online reports. The singer told Newsbeat she is yet to name the follow up to *Alright Still*.

Hancock just a generic superhero

Hancock

Director: **Peter Berg**
Stars: **Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron**
Rating: **PG-13**
Grade: **A-**

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Edmonton



REVIEW Take two cups of Wolverine, add one teaspoon of Iron Man and a pinch of Hulk. Microwave on high for two to three minutes. Let stand before serving.

Director Peter Berg's (Friday Night Lights) superhero drama might stand out if it wasn't released in this, the summer of the anti-hero. Comic book af-

cionados will instantly spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half (and I don't mean Betty Ross), and like everyone's favourite Canadian X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, ill-tempered boor who can't remember his past. And, like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world — he just has to overcome his inner demons.

That said, Hancock redeems itself as a passable standalone action movie.



Will Smith takes the starring role as Hancock.

There's wanton destruction and the thugs who provoke Smith reap their whirlwinds — there's a memorable prison scene where he introduces a cell mate's head to another's rectum, incidentally. The trio of Smith, Bateman (playing a PR rep out to

shine up Hancock's public image) and Theron (Bateman's wife with a secret of her own) generates some pathos and keeps a viewer interested. But part of the reason why successful comic book movies do so well at the box office is the longtime reader's thirst to

see how their hero transcends the page onto the screen.

In the character of Hancock, there's no history, no previous emotional investment, no longtime arch-villain to match his off-the-charts power. Hancock is a generic flying musclehead

at best, and one that should pass out of our imaginations faster than a speeding bullet.

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First, pop star Madonna's, right, brother Christopher Ciccone writes a memoir about being her brother. And now, the New York Post reports he's shopping around a reality show about the same exact thing. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Pros/cons of the thong

Today, I am no longer "woman who sits at desk wondering if she bought the right toilet bowl cleaner." Today, I am "wild ravishing temptress woman." I am a saucy, seductive love puppy. I am goddess. I am Eve. I am the proud owner of my very first thong.

I've always wanted a thong. To some women, this is akin to saying, "I've always wanted to have my eyebrows removed with gardening shears." But I have excellent reasons for wanting a thong.

First, panty lines. They are very bad. Although, in an age when celebrities are caught on camera seriously underdressed, it might be wise to let people know you are wearing underwear.

Secondly, if our fashion choices say something about us, my current underwear is screaming, "hasn't been in a lingerie store since 1998."

Finally, am assured that thong will make my bottom look fabulous without having to resort to unreasonable measures such as avoiding iced lattes or joining a gym. The thong saleswoman insists that my rear end will look just like Halle Berry's. I buy six.

7 a.m./DOT (Day of the Thong): In-sert thong. Check out rear end in mirror. Strangely, rear end does not



Columnist Anne Hines discusses the good, the bad and the ugly when it comes to the controversial thong.

look like Halle Berry's. Must be bad lighting.

9:30 a.m.: At work. Wondering why no one has commented on sexy new me. One person does say, "Are you winning?"

11 a.m.: Starting to wonder if saleswoman directed me to right size. Hard to feel sexy while wondering if thong will have to be surgically removed from backside by lunchtime.

1 p.m. Convinced that saleswoman was absent or drunk during training session on how to size a thong. Maybe both. Coworker shares that she calls thongs "fanny gnats"; they're annoying and they're everywhere.

HineSight

Anne Hines



3:30 p.m.: Thong has migrated from previous uncomfortable position into worse position. Call thong-wearing friend for advice.

Thong-wearing friend: It takes a while to find what's right for your body type.

Me: How long did it take you?

TWF: So far, about six years.

5 p.m.: Head home attempting not to walk as if there is a thong stuck up my backside. Which there really is.

7 p.m.: Prepare to discard thong. I am not wild, seductress woman. I am "woman destined to live in Joe boxers." Partner walks in and says, "Wow, that makes your rear end look like Halle Berry's." Don't care if it's a fib. I'm keeping the thong.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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Death of model ruled suicide

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES. A

20-year-old woman identified by local media as Kazakh supermodel Ruslana Korshunova plunged to her death from a Manhattan apartment Saturday in an apparent suicide.

Police said only that the woman was discovered dead in front of an apartment building in downtown Manhattan, near the financial district and the South Street Seaport tourist area.

Korshunova had graced the covers of European editions of Elle and Vogue and walked the catwalks for designers including Betsey Johnson and Jill Stuart.

REUTERS

Beatles TV interview found

LONDON, ENGLAND. A film enthusiast has discovered a long lost interview with Beatles from 1964 which has not been broadcast since.

Richard Jeffs came across 64 canisters of film stored in a damp garage in South London, and when he started to go through them he stumbled across a piece of pop history. The conversation with Scottish television dates from April 30, 1964.

REUTERS

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The Property Shop

She gave up a six-figure salary? What?? Apparently money can't buy happiness. This new series follows Tatiana as she quits her lucrative job to open her own real estate business in Montreal. In doing so, she has to deal with the competition, sometimes ruthless junior agents, and her personal life as a mother and wife. 6 PM on HGTV



CSI: NY

"I swear, I was just dropping it, and it went off!" When a young woman is killed by a gunshot, Mac (Gary Sinise) determines that the gun discharged after being dropped from the roof of a building. But the discovery of a family court judge's body — whose decisions on the bench had made him his share of enemies — has the team wondering if they have more than one killer. Melina Kanakaredes also stars in "All in the Family." 8 PM on CFRN

Celebrity Buzz

Being a mom makes Gyllenhaal better actress



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CAREER Maggie Gyllenhaal says motherhood made her a better actress, but now she wants to spend more time at home than in front of the cameras, People.com reports.

"I think having a child changes everything and has deepened everything in my life," Gyllenhaal, mom to 20-month-old daughter Ramona, told reporters recently.

"I think it has deepened my acting." Of motherhood, "It really does crack you open in every way," said the actress. "I never knew that I could be so tired. I never knew that I could work so hard. I never knew that I could love so much or be so patient or be so excited by the tiniest, tiniest little thing. Everything about it has surprised me."

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Hilton says she is paid to party

PEOPLE Paris Hilton is adamant her image as a fun-loving party girl is not real — insisting she is paid to attend most social events, imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress is regularly pictured out and about at nightclubs, both in the U.S. and during her many trips abroad.

But Hilton claims that in reality she is very different to her socialite persona — and only goes to events because she will collect a paycheck at the end of the evening.

She said, "When they see me at parties, I am actually getting paid to be there. There is no such thing as bad publicity."

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Kidman compiles birth music

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman has created a music compilation for when she gives birth, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress — who is due to have her baby within the next two weeks — has chosen a selection of her favourite songs to help her during the delivery.

The tracks she has chosen include many by her husband, country singer Keith Urban, and Irish flautist Sir James Galway. A source said: "Nicole has been putting together CDs of music to listen to during labour. She has always loved James Galway, particularly his classical albums."

"Whenever you go to her house, she has Galway on."

There is one Prokofiev sonata that is her favourite."

Galway, 68 — who is considered the finest flautist of his generation — has recorded more than 60

albums, with his most famous song being instrumental version of John Denver's hit Annie's Song in 1978.

Kidman — who already has two adopted children, Isabella, 15, and 13-year-old Connor, with ex-husband Tom Cruise — has also reserved a private room at a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee as she wants the finest medical care and is

hoping to have a natural delivery.

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Crawford keeps his shirt on

TV Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford hates appearing topless on-screen — because he doesn't want his good looks to divert attention from his acting skills, imdb.com reports.

The TV hunk, who plays rich kid Nate Archibald in the hit series, hates to undress for the cameras because he doesn't believe his character would strip off for no reason.

And Crawford admits to speaking his mind when TV bosses try and persuade him to get naked. He told Ok! magazine, "There was an episode where we were

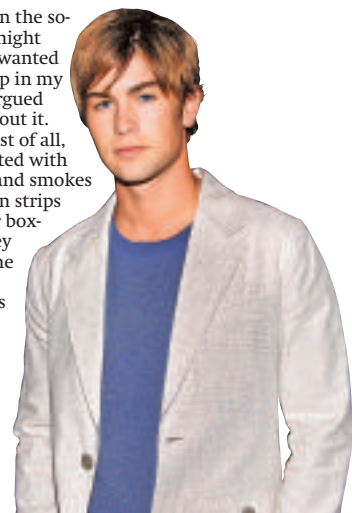
crashed out on the sofa after a big night out and they wanted me to wake up in my boxers, so I argued with them about it."

"I mean, first of all, who gets wasted with their buddy, and smokes weed and then strips down to their boxers before they pass out on the couch?"

No one does that.

"Why am I naked on my buddy's couch? It was weird so I fought it."

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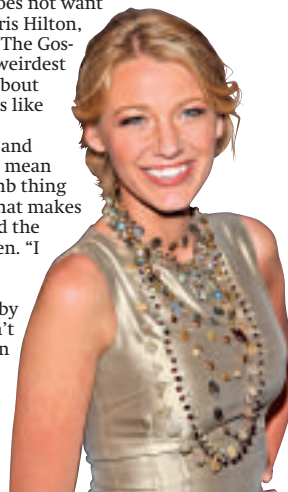


Lively is not like Hilton

PEOPLE Blake Lively does not want to be compared to Paris Hilton, PageSix.com reports. The Gossip Girl star said the weirdest rumour she's heard about herself is that she acts like the heiress.

"Since I have a dog and blond hair, that must mean we're alike. It's a dumb thing to say. I don't think that makes us similar," Lively told the new issue of Seventeen. "I don't know her, but I don't like being compared to anyone by somebody who doesn't know me. I'm my own person. I don't go to clubs, I don't party, I don't dance on tables and I don't like sex tapes."

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Brosnan happy to pass 007 franchise

FILM Former James Bond star Pierce Brosnan was relieved to finally hand over the 007 franchise to Daniel Craig — because playing the superspy is like making "a pact with the devil," imdb.com reports.

The 54-year-old starred as the secret agent in four films, eventually bowing out in 2004.

But Brosnan admits that playing the revered character is a major undertaking, as the franchise has such strict rules about conduct, grooming and endorsements.

And he was happy to finally shed the responsibility of playing Bond.

He said, "You become an ambassador to a small country. Bond is an industry."

"You make your pact with the devil. You know that it will follow you. But you just hope you get yourself off the ropes. I have no bitterness but I just feel exhausted by it."

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Ledger theatre to be built in Perth

TRIBUTE Perth, Australia, is getting a new landmark: an \$87-million US, 575-seat auditorium named for a native son, the Heath Ledger Theatre, People.com reports.

Western Australia state Premier Alan Carpenter said at a dedication ceremony yesterday that the name was appropriate, given how supportive the late actor had always been for fellow young performers, the Associated Press reports.

"Heath Ledger was totally dedicated to the craft of being an actor and that's what made him successful," Carpenter said. "I think what we're doing is continuing that support for young people who want to make a career in the arts and act-

ing, stage and in film, whatever it happens to be."

Kim Ledger, the actor's father, called the tribute a pleasant surprise.

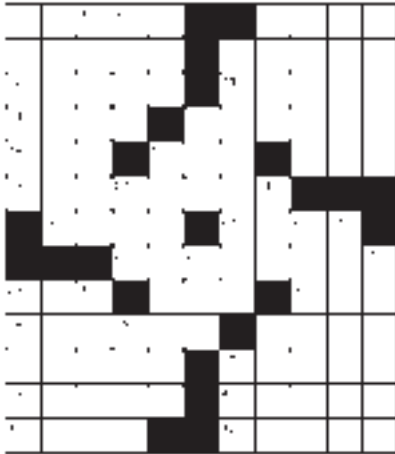
"He was such a giver to the arts right across the board. I really feel that there's not a lot of things he'd put his name to, but he'd put his name to that," Kim Ledger told The Associated Press, who attended Tuesday's ceremony.

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Former American Idol contestant Kristy Lee Cook has inked a deal with 19 Recordings/Arista Nashville for an album debut, with her first single, 15 Minutes Of Shame, already getting an Aug. 11 release date. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

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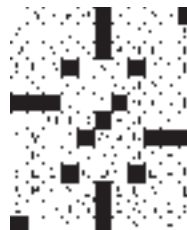
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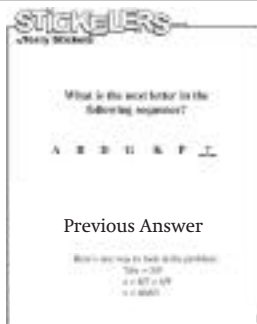
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- 36 "The Phantom Tollbooth" boy
- 37 Incline
- 38 Well fill
- 39 Great care
- 40 Precise
- 41 Plops down
- 42 Inclines



Previous Answer

This day in history

- JULY 2, 1698: Thomas Savery patented the first steam engine
- JULY 2, 1937: Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappear over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first equatorial round-the-world flight.
- JULY 2, 1947: An object speculated to be a UFO crashes near Roswell, New Mexico, though the United States Air Force claims it is a weather balloon.
- JULY 2, 1962: The first Wal-Mart store opens in Arkansas.

Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A dangerous task will crush frustration. A brave man faces the mystery in his reality. A conscience might cause a bad reaction.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your politeness gets you emotional support. Reluctance can be dealt with. Those who are thwarted will challenge everything.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's time to search for more fun. Don't bicker with a loser. A bandit will suffer from a case of mistaken identity.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A passionate person has fine talents. Don't shed tears for a dreamer. A tale reminds you of something.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You become aware of special circumstances. A person painfully finds out the truth. A challenger fails to appeal to others.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Leaders will want to get everything on paper. The past will become your future unless changes are made. Avoid a scam artist.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Find a reason to laugh with your friends. Don't accept someone's negative despair. You'll win something if you stay alert.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't try to manipulate a romantic person. A former foe wants to visit you. Try to appear to be more fastidious.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Important info comes from an obscure dream. A sincere person affects your choices. Be on your best behaviour all day.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Enchantment will clear out the cobwebs of your heart. Spicy thoughts will lead to a lecture. A phone call leads to a truth chat.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Restful moments can be found, but not in company. Keep your secrets to yourself. A complicated person will pay you back.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Don't become a stickler for details. Breathe in the air of freedom by releasing yourself. Taking time off will work wonders.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

8	7	6	2	3	5	1	9	4
4	3	2	1	9	7	6	8	5
5	1	9	6	8	4	3	2	7
3	6	8	9	7	2	5	4	1
2	4	1	3	5	8	9	7	6
9	5	7	4	1	6	2	3	8
1	2	4	7	6	9	8	5	3
7	8	3	5	2	1	4	6	9
6	9	5	8	4	3	7	1	2

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

- Under 13 Genius
- 13-17 Scholar

- 17-21 Smart
- 21-25 Not bad
- 25+ Keep practicing

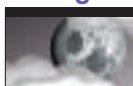
Edmonton weather

Afternoon



Partly cloudy.
26°

Tonight



Clear.
Low 14°

Thursday



Sunny.
29° / 17°

Friday



Mainly sunny.
31° / 15°

Saturday



Mainly sunny.
26° / 16°



Temperature
Normals
High: 22.4°
Low: 9.9°

Records
High: 36.7°/1924
Low: 1.7°/1884

Sunrise: 5:10 a.m.
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Moonset: 10:26 p.m.



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